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SUBJ: SECOND LEFTIST NAMED CULTURAL GROUP DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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1. WANG MAN-TIEN WAS IDENTIFIED AS A CULTURAL GROUP DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT THE MAY 29 CONCERT FOR MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER RAZAK. SHE IS RELATED TO ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG (BOTH HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AS RELATIVES OF THE LATE WANG CHI-FAN). THE WANG FAMILY IS IN TURN CLOSELY CONNECTED TO MAO. WANG MAN-TIEN IS THUS THE SECOND FIGURE ASSOCIATED WITH MAO AND HIS WIFE TO BE NEWLY IDENTIFIED AS A CULTURAL GROUP DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE PAST THREE DAYS (REFTEL).

2. THE NEW APPOINTMENTS SEEM RELATED TO LEFTIST DISSATISFACTION WITH THE CULTURAL GROUP'S PAST PERFORMANCE, SPECIFICALLY ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPONSORSHIP OF THE BLACK OPERA "THREE VISITS TO TAOFENG",

WHICH HAS BEEN ATTACKED AS ANTI-MAO. PEKING MUNICIPAL BOSS WU TEH WAS ON HAND FOR THE RAZAK -ATTENDED CONCERT. HOWEVER, AS HAS BEEN TRUE SINCE LAST DECEMBER, WU WAS NOT GIVEN HIS OTHER TITLE OF CULTURAL GROUP CHIEF, A TITLE HE PRESUMABLY STILL HOLDS. (THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE REMOVAL OF AT LEAST ONE OFFICIAL HAS ACCOMPANIED THE CULTURAL GROUP SHAKE-UP WAS DISCUSSED IN REFTEL).

3. WANG MAN-TIEN IS ALSO A TIENTSIN MUNICIPAL PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARY. SHE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH BOTH TIENTSIN AND THE CULTURAL GROUP SINCE 1971, AND LIKELY WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT HER DUAL CULTURAL AND PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES (SHE WAS LAST IDENTIFIED IN A TIENTSIN-RELATED CAPACITY APRIL 27).
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